

Costa del Sol Train Cheat Sheet

TAP-AND-GO PAYMENT

Skip the ticket machine queues. Tap directly through the green turnstile gates using your contactless credit card, smartphone, or smartwatch. Important: You must tap the exact same card or device when you exit at your destination!

NO E-SCOOTERS ALLOWED

Standard bicycles are 100% free to bring on board the C1 trains. However, electric scooters (patinetes eléctricos) are strictly banned on all Renfe trains due to recent battery safety regulations. Leave the e-scooter at home!

KEY C1 LINE STOPS

Málaga Centro-Alameda → Málaga María Zambrano → Torremolinos → Benalmádena → Fuengirola. Trains run every 20 minutes. Journey time: Málaga to Fuengirola approx. 45 minutes. Keep your ticket or device ready at all exits.

TOP TIPS FOR SMOOTH TRAVEL

- Always tap OUT as well as IN — you will be charged the maximum fare if you forget.
- Off-peak hours are before 7am and after 9pm on weekdays.
- The C1 line connects directly to Málaga Airport (Terminal 3).
- A single journey costs approx. €1.80 with a transport card.

OPERATING HOURS

First train: 05:30 from Fuengirola. Last train: 23:00 from Málaga. Trains run 7 days a week including public holidays. Frequency increases during summer months (June–September). Check Renfe Cercanías app for live updates.

USEFUL RESOURCES

Download the Renfe Cercanías app for real-time schedules and route maps. You can also use Google Maps to plan your journey. For lost property, contact the station office at Málaga María Zambrano directly.

